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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2017-0045]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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Or you may submit your comments online through www.regulations.gov,
referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2017-0045].

- I.** The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. Partnership Questionnaire -- 20 CFR 404.1080-404.1082(e) --

0960-0025. SSA considers partnership income in determining entitlement to Social Security benefits. SSA uses information from Form SSA-7104 to determine several aspects of eligibility for benefits, including the accuracy

of reported partnership earnings; the veracity of a retirement; and lag earnings where SSA needs this information to determine the status of the insured. The respondents are applicants for, and recipients of, Title II Social Security benefits who are reporting partnership earnings.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-7104	12,350	1	30	6,175

2. Supplement to Claim of Person Outside the United States -- 20 CFR

422.505(b), 404.460, 404.463, and 42 CFR 407.27(c) -- 0960-0051.

Claimants or beneficiaries (both United States (U.S.) citizens and aliens entitled to benefits) living outside the U.S. complete Form SSA-21 as a supplement to an application for benefits. SSA collects the information to determine eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits for those months an alien beneficiary or claimant is outside the U.S., and to determine if tax withholding applies. In addition, SSA uses the information to: (1) Allow beneficiaries or claimants to request a special payment exception in an SSA restricted country; (2) terminate supplemental medical insurance coverage for recipients who request it, because they are, or will be, out of the United States; and (3) allow claimants to collect a lump sum death benefit if the number holder died outside the U.S. and we do not have information to determine whether the lump sum death benefit is payable under the Social

Security Act (Act). The respondents are Social Security claimants, or individuals entitled to Social Security benefits, who are, were, or will be residing outside the U.S. three months or longer.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
Paper SSA-21 - U.S. Residents	510	1	14	119
Paper SSA-21 - Residents of a Tax Treaty Country	2,751	1	9	413
Paper SSA-21 - Nonresident aliens	1,835	1	8	245
Modernized Claims System (MCS) Macros SSA-21 - U.S. Residents	1,325	1	11	243
MCS Macros SSA 21 - Residents of a Tax Treaty Country	7,153	1	6	715
MCS Macros SSA 21 - Nonresident aliens	4,769	1	5	397
Totals	18,343			2,132

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance.

Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To

be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than

[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE

FEDERAL REGISTER]. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB

clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Application for Search of Census Records for Proof of Age -- 20 CFR

404.716 -- 0960-0097. When preferred evidence of age is not available, or the available evidence is not convincing, SSA may ask the U.S.

Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, to search its records to establish a claimant's date of birth. SSA collects information from claimants using Form SSA-1535-U3 to provide the Census Bureau with sufficient identification information to allow an accurate search of census records. Additionally, the Census Bureau uses a completed, signed SSA-1535-U3 to bill SSA for the search. The respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits who need to establish their date of birth as a factor of entitlement.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-1535-U3	18,030	1	12	3,606

2. State Death Match Collections -- 20 CFR 404.301, 404.310-404.311,

404.316, 404.330-404.341, 404.350-404.352, 404.371, and 416.912 --

0960-0700. SSA uses the State Death Match Collections to ensure the accuracy of payment files by detecting unreported or inaccurate deaths of beneficiaries. Under the Act, entitlement to retirement, disability, wife's, husband's, or parent's benefits terminate when the beneficiary dies. The states furnish death certificate information to SSA via the manual registration process, or the Electronic Death Registration process (EDR). Both death match processes are automated electronic transfers between the states and SSA. The respondents are the states' bureaus of vital statistics.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Number of Responses	Average Cost Per Record Request	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
State Death Match – CyberFusion / GSO: Non-EDR Records from EDR sites	45	3,700	166,500	\$.88	\$146,520
State Death Match – CyberFusion / GSO: Non-EDR sites	12	48,000	576,000	\$.88	\$506,880
Total: Non-EDR	57				\$653,400
State Death Match-EDR	45	48,500	2,182,500	\$3.17	\$6,918,525
States Expected to Become – State Death Match-EDR Within the Next 3 Years	7	62,600	438,200	\$3.17	\$1,389,094

Total: EDR and Expected EDR	52				\$8,307,619
Grand Totals	109				*8,961,019

*Please note that both of these data matching processes are electronic and there is only a cost burden, and no hourly burden for the respondent to provide this information.

3. Application for Access to SSA Systems -- 20 CFR 401.45 -- 0960-0791.

SSA uses Form SSA-120, Application for Access to SSA Systems, to allow limited access to SSA's information resources for SSA employees and non-Federal employees (contractors). SSA requires supervisory approval, and local or component Security Officer review, prior to granting this access. The respondents are SSA employees and non-Federal Employees (contractors) who require access to SSA systems to perform their jobs.

Note: Because SSA employees are Federal workers exempt from the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the burden below is only for SSA contractors.

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Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-120 (paper version)	685	1	2	23
SSA-120 (Internet version)	1,482	1	1.5	37
Totals	2,167			60

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